

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024



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UNITED by Christ, God call us to LOVE one another
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world**

**and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are + forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints” ELW #422
(Vs. 1, 3 & 6)
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW page 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE—*This Is The Feast*

ELW page 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray
**Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM

Everlasting Love

By Larson

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING—Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God!

PSALM—Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND READING—Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things

new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Word of God. Word of Life
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—*Alleluia*

ELW #142

The Holy Gospel according to the eleventh chapter of John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL—John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

ALL SAINTS CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

Listen to these words of hope from the book of Revelation:

¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”^[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming of down out of heaven from God, ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’^[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Today we light these candles in remembrance of our friends and loved ones, saints who have gone before us in death and who have joined with Christ in life everlasting. Especially Robert Marzolf, Denny Ross, Marcie Allen, Marilyn Erickson, Beverly Illian, Jack Snow, Everett Nash, Brent Beutler, Mark Zeiher, Dorothy Alberda, Susan Haugland and baptized Lola Skelly.

At the rising of the sun and at its going down. . .

We will remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter. . .

We will remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring. . .

We will remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer. . .

We will remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.

We will remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends. . .

We will remember them, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength. . .

We will remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart. . .

We will remember them.

When we have joy and wish to share it. . .

We will remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make. . .

We will remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on their work.

We will remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live.

For they are now a part of us as we remember them.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. Abide with your faithful ones in love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

***“Soon and Very Soon”* ELW #439**

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
**you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.**
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.
Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW page 144

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***Holy, holy, holy* ELW page 144**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.
**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

Lamb of God ELW page 146

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"For All Your Saints, O Lord" ELW #427

(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Monthly Focus is Adopt-A-Family. Through the Adopt-a-Family Christmas program, coordinated with Le Sueur County Human Services, we help provide clothing for children whose families could use extra support during the holiday season. Sadly, the number of children in need continues to grow, and this year is expected to be no different. Our church will adopt families to provide gifts for 17 to 20 youth, stepping up as the hands and feet of Christ to meet their needs. Starting in mid-November, you can select a gift tag from the Giving Tree located in the Gathering Space or sign up online via Sign-Up Genius, which will be available on our church website. We'll also send out the link by email and post it on our social media channels. Please remember to take note of the gift number and the specific requests for each child. Please check the November newsletter for additional details.

Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Helene/Hurricane Milton

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. Millions are without power as heavy rains continue to fall, causing dangerous flooding and landslides, as well as downed trees and power lines.

By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and remain for as long as the recovery takes.

If you would like to give to Lutheran Disaster Response, please sent your donation to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Altar Flowers—Thank you to LeRoy & Joan May for the flowers today in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Budget Amount Needed
10-27-2024	\$4,975	\$4,548
YTD	\$200,104	\$162,294

Year to Date Financial Results			
Month Ending	Actual Received	Actual Expense	Net Gain/(Loss)
9-30-2024	\$155,168	\$169,499	(\$14,331)

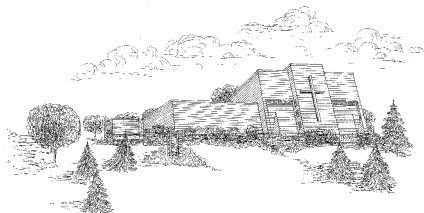
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Expires 12/25/2024

Sharefaith—Membership
Expires 6/2025



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 3	9:00a 10:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion First Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 5	10:00a	Nursing Home Service
Wednesday, November 6	6:00p 6:00p 6:30p 7-7:30p 7-8:00p 7:00p	FLY @ FLC RISE & RISE UP Meal @ UMC Worship RISE RISE UP Adult Bible Study w/Brittany @FLC
Sunday, November 10	9:00a 10:00a	Worship First Choir Rehearsal

Worship Assistants

November 3, 2024

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Everett Greisen
Reader:	Rachel Wagner
Usher:	Chuck Frauendienst
Greeters:	
Communion Servers:	LeRoy & Joan May
Council Member:	Vic Pengilly
Fellowship:	
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	Joan May Dave Johnson
Altar Guild:	Marie Walker

November 10, 2024

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Reece St. Pierre
Reader:	Bonnie Keech
Usher:	Steve Olson
Greeters:	Bonnie Keech
Council Member:	Mike Johnson
Fellowship:	
Projection:	Tech Team
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Videographer:	Becky Pollack
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